Ervin, pursuing his penchant for historical references and comparing past statements with later actions, recalled a theme of Richard Nixon's 1968 campaign expressed, according to Ervin in these words:

"America is in trouble today not because her people have failed but because her leaders have failed. Let us begin by committing ourselves to the truth, to see it like it is, and to tell it like it is, to find the truth, to speak the truth, and to live the truth."

"Now do you have any reason to think that between 1968 and 1972," Ervin continued, "the President [illegible]

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